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1. Two books which are extremely popular in the "liberated areas" of Shantung are: Travel in War-Time Soviet Russia by E. Snow and Yenan and the Liberated Areas from the Point of View of Foreign Newspaper Men. Both books were published in 1946 by the Hsin Hua Bookstore at Lini. It is difficult to secure these books; sources obtained copies by bribing a soldier near the border and smuggled the books into Nationalist-held areas.

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2. The first book is a partial translation from Edgar Snow's People On Our Side. The preface reads as follows:

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"This book is translated from People On Our Side, written by the famous American newspaperman, E. Snow. The original book consists of three parts, about India, China, and Russia; this is a translation of the third part. In the American edition this section is Book II of the work."

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This is a life-like and deeply moving report of war-time Russia. The author had contacted the people of Russia at home as well as in the battle fronts, and drew deeply from their spirit and morale. The author not only tells us of the victory of Russia, but also tells how they won it. When you finish this book you will realize what 'The People's War' is. You will also realize that the victory of Russia was not accidental nor a matter of luck.

The last chapter of this book concerns important problems of Soviet Russia, and is certainly a valuable reference for the study of Soviet Russia."

3. The second book is also a translation from English. It is a collection of articles which originally appeared in such publications as the New York Times, The Nation, etc., and are considered favorable to the Chinese Communists' point of view.

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